

**Cultural and Historic Affairs Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 2013**

The Bethany Beach Cultural and Historic Affairs Committee held a meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 in the Bethany Beach Town Meeting Room, 214 Garfield Parkway, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

Members present: Carol Olmstead, who presided; Gloria Farrar; Theo Loppatto; Mary Lou McNerney; Mary Lou Urquhart; and Margaret Young.

Absent members: Claudia Dieste; Jan Kinsella; and Jean Wode

Also present: Lindsey Good, Administrative Secretary.

Call to Order

Ms. Olmstead called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2012

After one amendment, Ms. Young made a motion to approve the minutes dated November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Ms. Farrar seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Announcements

- Ms. Loppatto stated that she know of a couple individuals that are interested in joining the Committee. Ms. Olmstead replied that adding one more member to the Committee would be beneficial, since there are many pending projects that need to be completed.
- There is a Cultural Event taking place on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. and the speaker will be Thomas Summer of the Delaware Public Archives, who will be presenting the topic of "Treasures of the Delaware Public Archives". Ms. Loppatto provided Ms. Olmstead with a copy of Mr. Summer's biography.

Review CHAC Projects for Upcoming Year

*Update Reports*

- 1.) **Signs for Museum:** Ms. Kinsella has sent the application to DeIDOT and it is now being reviewed. There is a fee that must be submitted as well.
- 2.) **Newspaper Articles Album:** Ms. Urquhart is meeting with Ms. Kinsella to work towards completing this project. Ms. Olmstead stated that she is also going to meet with them to help.
- 3.) **Labels for Pictures Hanging in Town Hall:** Ms. Olmstead reported that she showed him the example of how the Committee would prefer the photos on the wall to be framed, and Mr. Gravier thought it is a great idea to frame them that way. Ms. Olmstead is going to take the framed pictures to an arts and crafts store, to see if they are able to create the same type of frame. Ms. Loppatto noted that the labeling for the photos still needs to be completed.
- 4.) **Note Cards of Houses to Sell in Museum:** Ms. Olmstead said that she is not sure when this project will be completed, and she will ask Ms. Dieste if she will be able to help with it.

**5.) Oral History Project:** Ms. Olmstead reported that Mr. Ray Disney was offered a bonus, which gave him the incentive to complete the first DVD for the Oral History Project, and he hopes to have the second DVD finished by the end of this week.

Update Regarding Oral History Project

*Note: After all other agenda items are discussed, the Committee is going to view the first DVD that has been completed by Mr. Disney.*

Update Regarding Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit

Ms. Olmstead gave the following report on the progress of the Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit:

Ms. Loppatto has also volunteered to participate in planning the Smithsonian Exhibit. The participating towns include the Town of Fenwick Island, the Town of South Bethany, the Town of Ocean View, and the Town of Millville.

There have already been several meetings and the volunteers have separated into two (2) separate groups. The first group will complete the first program which will be a display on the work history prior to the construction of the Bay Bridge. The second group will establish the exhibit for the second program, which will display the history of work in the area since the construction of the Bay Bridge (this is the program that Ms. Olmstead and Ms. Loppatto are working on). There is a meeting scheduled for next week, which they will be attending.

There will be speakers at each of the programs. Mr. Scott Thomas will be a speaker for the second program, and they are waiting to hear from Russ McCabe on whether he will be able to be a speaker for the second program.

The grant for three-thousand dollars (\$3,000) to fund the program has been submitted and approved. The grant will cover the cost for speakers, but it will not cover the expense for refreshments. To cover the cost of food, each participating town will pay four-hundred dollars (\$400). In addition, the Town of Ocean View will submit a request that the Sussex County Council donate funds to cover some of this cost.

Ms. Farrar questioned if it has ever been considered that the Town offer to financially assist those Towns that are unable to expend funds for these projects. The Committee ensued a discussion on donations to other towns to put towards developing projects once there is a set plan in place.

Ms. Loppatto suggested that they ask the South Coastal Library if they want to partner to create the display case. Ms. Olmstead acknowledged that this is a good idea, and she was planning on doing this.

*Possible Visit to Bethel to View the Exhibit*

Ms. Olmstead stated that Ms. Loppatto was able to visit the museum in the Town of Bethel. Ms. Loppatto provided the following information on the exhibit display in the Town of Bethel:

The museum is very delightful, and it is dedicated to the “ship” building. The person she spoke with at the Town Hall explained that it is going to take a full day to set up the exhibit and there will need to be individuals there to assist with lifting heavy equipment. The exhibit consists of very tall double-sided boards and includes topics that children also enjoy looking at.

Ms. Olmstead noted that the exhibit is only open for the public to see on Sundays, and suggested that the Committee can possibly plan a trip to the City of Dover once the exhibit is moved to that location.

#### Arcadia Publishing Company Request

Ms. Olmstead explained that Arcadia Publishing Company contacted her to see if CHAC is interested in having a book published on the history of the Town. She advised to the Committee that she will include this item on a future agenda to be discussed for consideration.

#### Discussion Regarding Future Meetings

The Committee decided to hold continue to hold its meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, but this may change in the future.

#### Update Regarding Oral History Project

The Committee viewed the first DVD of the Oral History Project and made suggestions for changes that will be forwarded to Mr. Disney so he can incorporate them into the final project.

#### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Lindsey Good, Admin. Secretary